

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

----- BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION -----

REFNO: 0804-1-02 (ACCNO 1158) Status: (T) RELEASED  
Name: TYLER, CHARLES ROBERT Date Status assigned: 14 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	04	Hair		Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes		Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	58050	Height	in /0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	K468041
Birth date		Weight	lb / 0.0 kg	Duty pos	CO
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	HANOI PW DETE

----- SITE INFORMATION -----

INCIDENT LOCATION (0) LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QWK420160	48QWJ883248
Lat/Long:	215057N / 1052423E	210125N / 1055059E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	2	3
Mission Province:	TUYEN QUANG	HA NOI
(formerly):	THAI NGUYEN	HANOI
Mission District:	YEN SON	
Mission Date:	23 Aug 1967	
Mission Category:	3	\$
Local Analysis:	None.	

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Vessey Case: NO

----- VEHICLE DATA -----

Vehicle Type:	F4D	Serial:	238
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	J7915
Call Sign:	FORD 01	1 Serial:	434552
Year:	66	2 Serial:	420666

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REFNO: 0804-2-01 (ACCNO 1101) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: SITTNER, RONALD NICKOLIS Date Status assigned: 6 Sep 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	AB+
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREY	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000072432	Height	74 in /1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	K480661
Birth date	20 Nov 1937	Weight	195 lb / 88.3 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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INCIDENT LOCATION (0) LAST KNOWN LOCATION (2)

Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QWK420160	48QWK538026
Lat/Long:	215057N / 1052423E	214340N / 1053113E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	2	
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Case type: DISCREPANCY

Survivability: (1) Out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

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28 September 1985

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--- MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ---

20 July 1977

INCIDENT LOCATION CHANGED FROM WK344142 TO WK550020 AND LAST KNOWN LOCATION FROM WK340140 TO WK538026 BASED ON MSG. 432 TRW, 231245Z AUG 67.

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24 April 1991

BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE, CHANGE THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR BOTH REFNO 0804 AND 0805 TO WK420160. THIS IS THE APPROXIMATE CENTER OF MASS OF THE SEVERAL KILOMETER SQUARE AREA WHERE ALL SITES VISITED WERE LOCATED. (REF 4)

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WERE ALSO INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THEIR DISCOVERY AND SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS AND A PARACHUTE ON A JUNGLE COVERED HILL TO WITHIN 400 METERS OF THE CAPTURE POINT OF THE FIRST PILOT. ALL WITNESSES CLAIMED TO BE ABLE TO RECALL THE GENERAL AREA BUT WERE UNABLE TO PINPOINT THE EXACT LOCATION. (REF 5)

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--- ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ---

28 October 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "COMBAT ACTIONS OF THE VIETNAM PEOPLES AIR FORCE 1965-1972." LINE ENTRY #142 POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0804 BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, LOCATION OF LOSS AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. (REF 7)

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Local Analysis:	None.	

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=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

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